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Research / dissertation project	
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Subject / title of the project	
Social Work and Social Consequences of Live with HIV/AIDS	
Scientific importance	
<p>Scientific importance is to work with methods of Participatory Action Research (PAR); to describe and understand the process of stigmatization and discrimination and its impact on quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS; to identify a role of social work in eliminating the negative social impacts; to open a discussion about life with HIV/AIDS and to visualize the negative impacts of stigma and discrimination on it (and on a epidemiological situation in Ostrava); to do a positive action which can lead to a positive social change.</p>	
Practical relevance	
<p>The main goal is to achieve a positive social change with a positive social action by working with (not for) people. It would depend on a participation; cooperation; empowerment; knowledge; and an active approach of each of us in collecting of informations, exploration and analysis, interpretation and explanation; and last but not least in planning → realization the action → evaluation.</p>	
Main thesis	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To identify the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in Ostrava community - To identify the role of social work in meeting the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS - To identify the role of social work in elimination the negative impacts of live with HIV/AIDS - To design and realize the research with (not for) the people - To achieve a positive social change with a positive social action 	
Research methodology	
<p>Participatory Action Research + Qualitative Research methods (the grounded theory) The target group will be the colleague, active participant, who will prepare the design of research, realize it and use the results of it.</p>	
Key words	
Participation, Cooperation, Activation, Positive social action/change, Empowerment	
Most relevant literature	
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Key finding (if already existing)